

### Dodge City.

Mr. G. C. Noble, of the Atchison Champion, made the following observations during his recent visit here:

At Dodge City we found everything and everybody busy as they could comfortably be. This being our first visit to the metropolis of the West, we were very pleasantly surprised, after the cock and bull stories that lunatic correspondents had given the public. Not a man was seen swinging from a telegraph pole; not a pistol was fired; no disturbance of any kind was noted. Instead of being called on to disgorge the few ducats in our possession, we were hospitably treated by all. It might be unpleasant for one or two old time correspondents to be seen here, but they deserve all that would be meted out to them. The Texas cattle men and cow-boys, instead of being armed to the teeth, with blood in their eye, conduct themselves with propriety, many of them being thorough gentlemen.

Dodge City is supported principally by the immense cattle trade that is carried on here. During the season that has just now fairly opened, not less than 200,000 head will find a market here; and there are nearly an hundred purchasers who make their headquarters here during the season. Mr. A. H. Johnson, the gentlemanly stock agent of the A. T. & S. F. Co. informs us that the drive to this point during the season will be larger than ever before. May it prove a matter of great good to the company and to Dodge City.

From our window in the Dodge House—which, by the way, is one of the best and most commodious in the West—can be seen five herds, ranging from 1,000 to 10,000 each, that are awaiting transportation. The stock yards here are the largest west of St. Louis, and just now are well filled.

Chas. Rath & Co. have a yard in which are about 50,000 green and dried buffalo hides.

F. C. Zimmermann, an old patron of the Champion, runs a general outfitting store, and flourishes financially and physically.


Many other friends of the leading journal are doing business, and are awaiting patiently the opening up of the country to agricultural purposes.

In the long run, Dodge is destined to become the metropolis of Western Kansas, and only awaits the development of its vast resources.

### Reward of Merit.

One of the best and most careful engineers on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe road, is Mr. Peter Teline, who runs between Dodge and Granada. He had the good fortune to pull the Illinois editors through, and it was to his knowledge of the road that a fearful accident was prevented. There had been a heavy rain; and he was afraid to cross a certain bridge until he went ahead to examine, and true to his fears there was a bent gone. It was soon repaired and nobody was hurt. When the editors reached home they made up a purse and purchased a gold watch and chain worth \$380, and sent it to him as a recognition of his carefulness and good judgment.—Pueblo Chieftain.

### \$25 Reward.

Stolen, on the 3d inst., from A. J. Anthony's cattle camp, ten miles west on the Arkansas river, one Bay Horse, 5 years old, 15 hands high, with star in forehead, branded thus  on left shoulder, and thus S K on left hoof.

The above reward will be paid for the delivery at the camp or to the undersigned at Dodge City.

A. J. ANTHONY.

### PERSONAL.

Mr. E. C. Beeman, fuel agent of the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad, was in the city last Wednesday. He was on his way home from the mountains, and stopped here to pay Master Mechanic Hockett a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Webber, of Fort Dodge, favored the TIMES with a call on the 4th.

We failed last week to notice the return of Mrs. G. M. Hoover and Mrs. C. S. Hungerford from Illinois. They were absent about two months and enjoyed an exceedingly pleasant visit.

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### An Opinion.

The following opinion will be of interest to county officers. S. N. Wood was county attorney of Chase county for several years, and during his term of office expenses and taxes were greatly reduced:

ELMDALE, KAN., June 27, 1877.

HON. NELSON ADAMS—DEAR SIR: In answer to your enquiries I have to say: That the county is not liable for costs in cases of misdemeanors, whether defendant is convicted or acquitted. All cases of assault, assault and battery, petit larceny or any other case where the punishment is not death or imprisonment in the penitentiary are only misdemeanors, and the county is not liable. Where there is no conviction in the higher crimes, the county is not liable; except for board of prisoners, fees of sheriff and clerk. The county is not liable in any case for defendant's witnesses.

In case of conviction in felony, and costs cannot be collected from defendant, the county is liable only for costs made by the State, but is not liable for the defendant's costs. To the common laws costs are unknown. They are creatures of the statute, and must be paid by those only whom the statutes provides must pay them. The county is not liable in any case, unless there is a statute making it so. It would do to say the county is liable because no person is. It may happen that no one is liable and services must be rendered for nothing.

You ask if Pawnee county is liable for costs in a case coming from Hodgeman. I answer no. There is a law making the State liable for costs in unorganized counties, the same that counties are liable in their own cases. The law making the State liable releases the counties from any liability. If the legislature made no appropriation the fault is not with Pawnee county.

You must recollect that the county is not a party to these suits; its the State of Kansas vs. Scott or Thompson, the county not being a party, is clearly not liable, except there is a law making the liability.

You ask if the county is not liable for costs who is? I answer, if its Pawnee county you are looking after, when you find the county is not liable your duty is done. It may happen, as I said before, that no one is liable, especially the county is not, unless there is a positive statute making her so. What we need now is more economy, lower taxation, which invites immigration and wealth.

Yours hastily,

S. N. WOOD.

The temperance town of Hutchinson had a proper representative in this place this week. He was a dentist, his name was Reed, and too much of the ardent was the cause of his having to wear a ball and chain several hours, and subsist on bread and water. He pawned some collaterals for his fine, and skipped out.—Newton Kansan.

Mrs. Ex-Secretary Beiknap now leads society in Keokuk, Iowa.

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